

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-30 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1, 3-11 and 13-30 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 2 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for being obvious in view of Fukushima et al. and Official Notice taken by the Examiner that playing audio from a main screen and not playing audio from a subsidiary screen is well known in the art.

Claim 2 has been amended to include the feature,

"said output AV data is displayed on said multiscreen, wherein the channel displayed on said subsidiary screen is displayed without a PCR which is used to synchronize a) audio for the channel displayed on said subsidiary screen, to b) video for the channel displayed on said subsidiary screen."

During an interview with the Examiner, this feature was presented to the Examiner. The Examiner indicated that the proposed language may overcome the rejection. This amended language is now being filed for formal consideration. Allowance is respectfully requested.

As shown in Figure 4 of Fukushima et al., a PCR extractor 102 separates and extracts the PCR that is the reference time information for each of the channels. (Col. 7, line 57 - col. 8, line 1). The STC counters 103 through 106 regenerate the reference time of each channel through the use of each PCR. (Col. 8, lines 1-3). Thus, each channel is displayed with its respective PCR.

In contrast, the present invention extracts the PCR of the AV data of the channel to be displayed on the main screen 66. (Page 48, lines 10-11). The channel displayed on said subsidiary screen is displayed without a PCR. (Page 48, lines 21-

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23). This gives the present invention an advantage over the prior art because the scale of the circuitry of the PCR extracting sections is reduced.

Because Fukushima et al. do not disclose or suggest the features of claim 2, claim 2 is not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Fukushima et al. Claim 12 depends from claim 2. Accordingly, claim 12 is also not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Fukushima et al.

In view of the amendments and remarks, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection to claims 2 and 12.

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